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Poor Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 2.0 days suitable for field work last week.

Temperatures for the state averaged between 34-50 degrees(F) with scattered rains throughout the week. A late spring has resulted in ground that is too cold and wet for field activities to begin in earnest. A few reports of manure and fertilizer spreading in addition to some post-winter repairs and maintenance.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 12, 2015 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0	11	79	10
Subsoil	0	5	74	21

Crop Progress as of April 12, 2015 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
SPRING TILLAGE (SINGLE)	7	<5	6	<5

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April 12, 2015 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2015					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	68	27	49	+6	1.71	6	2.54	+1.03	9	8	+8	74
	Erie	67	34	47	+3	1.03	6	2.00	+0.63	9	14	+14	73
	Franklin_AG	67	30	50	+7	1.60	5	2.56	+1.14	8	18	+18	89
	Meadville-Port	67	34	52	+9	0.67	5	1.72	+0.40	8	26	+26	110
	Springboro	66	32	47	+5	1.24	6	1.98	+0.77	9	5	+5	66
	Titusville	66	27	47	+6	0.73	3	1.60	+0.14	6	7	+7	59
	Warren	64	30	47	+4	1.60	6	2.58	+1.09	9	5	+5	68
North Central	Bradford_Region	61	24	44	+3	1.29	6	2.40	+0.96	9	4	+4	49
	Coudersport_ISW	66	23	42	0	2.32	6	3.46	+2.25	9	1	+1	32
	Kane	64	25	45	+6	1.60	6	2.48	+0.92	9	0	0	53
	Laporte	62	29	40	-3	1.42	6	2.35	+0.95	9	0	0	21
	Lock_Haven	72	28	47	+2	1.59	5	2.48	+1.16	8	4	+3	69
	Oswayo	65	28	43	+2	1.76	6	2.28	+1.04	9	0	0	36
	Renovo	70	29	47	+2	1.72	5	3.23	+1.91	8	6	+3	68
	Ridgway	68	26	46	+6	1.56	5	2.57	+1.16	8	4	+4	60
	Stevenson_Dam	69	27	45	+3	1.79	5	3.43	+2.05	8	3	+3	52
	Towanda	68	26	42	-2	2.36	6	2.92	+1.71	10	1	+1	44
	Wellsboro	64	29	42	+2	1.87	6	2.63	+1.64	9	0	0	33
	Williamsport_AP	71	29	47	0	1.45	5	2.19	+0.86	8	19	+15	80
Northeast	Hawley	68	26	41	-2	0.99	4	1.60	+0.18	6	0	0	29
	Milanville	68	29	41	-3	1.35	5	1.86	+0.44	9	0	0	27
	Susquehanna	65	28	41	-3	2.39	6	3.20	+1.65	9	0	0	32
	Wilkes-Barre	70	29	47	+1	0.55	5	1.35	+0.09	7	20	+17	78
West Central	Butler	70	29	52	+8	2.30	5	3.64	+2.32	8	27	+27	95
	New_Castle_Ag	68	32	53	+9	2.51	6	3.63	+2.33	9	28	+28	110
	Slippery_Rock	69	33	53	+11	2.01	5	2.77	+1.36	8	33	+33	111
Central	Altoona_AP	72	31	50	+4	1.20	4	1.52	+0.27	7	34	+29	107
	Du_Bois	68	33	50	+7	1.68	5	2.62	+1.21	8	25	+25	102
	Elizabethville	68	30	47	+2	0.50	4	0.79	-0.65	6	14	+11	84
	Lewistown	75	31	48	+1	0.80	5	1.09	-0.18	8	15	+9	88
	Middletown	75	33	50	0	0.27	3	0.47	-0.78	5	37	+15	119
	Prince_Gallitzi	70	25	49	+5	1.35	4	1.90	+0.58	7	16	+16	80
	Selinsgrove_2S	74	28	46	0	0.76	4	1.25	-0.19	7	9	+6	65
	State_College_P	69	33	48	+3	1.35	4	2.13	+0.84	7	9	+8	77
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	75	29	48	+2	0.36	4	0.84	-0.49	6	31	+27	96
	Lehighton	71	29	45	+1	0.21	3	0.95	-0.61	5	11	+11	57
	Mt_Pocono	65	26	43	+3	0.30	4	1.06	-0.62	7	9	+9	51
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	75	37	58	+13	1.79	5	2.30	+1.10	7	71	+70	173
	Chalk_Hill	71	31	53	+8	1.89	5	2.64	+0.67	7	31	+29	120
	Connellsville_A	77	33	56	+9	2.61	5	3.25	+1.81	8	51	+45	144
	Indiana_3SE	69	29	51	+5	1.75	6	2.45	+0.95	8	22	+18	99
	Meyersdale	70	26	48	+6	0.90	5	1.31	-0.24	7	14	+14	80
	Pittsburgh_Intl	76	33	57	+10	1.63	5	2.40	+1.20	7	68	+60	168
	Waynesburg	76	30	55	+9	2.42	5	2.92	+1.65	7	47	+43	132
South Central	Biglerville	75	32	49	+3	0.41	4	0.77	-0.67	7	20	+17	97
	Everett	74	24	48	+2	0.69	5	1.04	-0.26	8	16	+14	84
	Hanover	75	30	49	-1	0.22	4	0.45	-0.90	8	22	+3	101
	Harrisburg_AP	77	31	50	0	0.34	3	0.77	-0.48	5	41	+19	118
	South_Mountain	72	29	48	-3	0.35	4	0.76	-0.80	7	16	-5	81
	York_AP	76	26	50	0	0.14	2	0.38	-1.01	5	45	+25	117
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	72	32	48	-3	0.21	3	0.51	-1.00	5	19	-3	87
	Green_Lane	72	31	47	0	0.30	3	0.48	-0.96	5	14	+8	81
	Hamburg	72	30	46	-2	0.50	4	0.96	-0.38	6	13	+6	70
	Lancaster_AP	74	29	49	+1	0.22	3	0.36	-0.91	6	33	+21	107
	Neshaminy_Falls	74	32	49	+1	0.29	4	0.42	-1.14	6	26	+14	110
	New_Holland	71	37	49	+3	0.13	3	0.29	-1.15	5	32	+25	123
	Philadelphia_AP	75	38	51	+1	0.36	5	0.54	-0.87	7	47	+20	145
	Philadelphia_NE	75	36	52	+4	0.11	3	0.39	-1.17	5	51	+39	144
	Reading_AP	74	30	49	+1	0.19	3	0.50	-0.94	5	36	+24	109
	Sellersville	73	27	46	-3	0.33	4	0.58	-0.98	6	14	+7	67
	West_Chester	74	27	47	-3	0.09	3	0.15	-1.32	5	16	-1	74

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

ADAMS County, Judy A. Behney

Adams County started the week with pretty warm weather in the 70's and sunshine. By Tuesday evening the rain came and has been raining on and off the rest of the week and we haven't seen the sun too much the rest of the week so temperatures have been cooler in the 40/50's. Fieldwork was being done beginning of week but with the rain has slowed or halted in most areas. Producers were spreading manure, fertilizer and lime where conditions permitted. Producers are eager to get things going this growing season but are afraid that everything will need done all at one time due to weather conditions. Fruit growers are hoping the cold temperatures are done but trees are at a critical stages now and could affect the crop. Producers are also busy readying their equipment for the Spring/Summer season.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Some manure hauling. Field conditions still wet.

CENTRE County, Dick A Decker

Week of 13th appears to offer a window for some field work. Very little done to this point.

CLARION/FOREST/VENANGO/WARREN Counties, Tom Tanner

Spreading lime and manure. Many getting equipment ready for field work.

CRAWFORD County, Ron McCorkle

The weather for the week consisted mostly of rain with close to 2 inches in some parts of the county. Sun arrived on the weekend and with warmer temperatures began some field drying. Most producers are still spreading manure, rolling fields, and mending fences.

JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William Sheaffer

Showers and rain curtailed many field activities. Some oats and alfalfa were seeded during the early part of the week. Winter grain and alfalfa have come out of dormancy and are looking good.

LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson

Next few weeks will get into full swing, finally got our spring warm up the past few days.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Cover crops and small grains greening up nicely.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

A good week for manure hauling and fertilizer application. No field work has started. Cover crops are greening up and filling out.

MERCER County, Jim Rust

A few ditching projects are being completed this weekend. Some of the better drained fields can be planted to oats this week if the future is rain free. Area speltz and wheat fields have turned green the last few days. Farmers plans call for hay fields to be fertilized.

MONTGOMERY/BUCKS Counties, Dr. Steve De Broux

The winter wheat has begun the jointing stage. Our soil was 48 degrees(!) on Monday. No new farm fashions to report.

PERRY County, David L. Swartz

During the limited time at the beginning of the week in which field conditions were suitable, the following field operations were occurring: seeding alfalfa, spreading lime, spreading manure, cleaning fencerows, repairing pasture fences.

YORK County, Jim Rowehl

Despite many days with light showers, field are not too wet to alter plans to begin planting corn (week of 4-16).